water by the Government many villages of the country are not obtaing potable water till-date and large areas of Land are lying unutilised and as a result of which large quantity of useful water is going waste into the sea;

(b) whether the Government have formulated any concrete policy at national level to contain this mismanagement;

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) to (d) Since the beginning of the First Five Year Plan a number of irrigation and multi-purpose projects have been taken up to utilise the available water resources for irrigation and other purposes. As a result of this the irrigation potential of the country which was about 22.6 million hectares during the pre-plan period has increased to about 89.0 million hectares (provisional) at the end of 1995-96.

The National Water Development Agency is carrying out studies on the National Perspective Plan for water resources development which, inter-alia, envisages transferring water from surplus to water-short basins by interlinking of rivers and constructing reservoirs at potential sites to maximise the utilisation of river waters. However, full utilisation of available waters resources is not possible due to various reasons such as topographical and environmental constraints etc. National Commission for preparation of integrated Water Resources Development Plan has also been set up.

[English]

Transfer of the Management of Haryana

2931. SHRI CHAUDHARY RAMCHANDRA BENDA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Decks have been cleared for the transfer of the management of Haryana portion of the Agra Canal from Uttar Pradesh to Haryana Government;

(b) whether Union Government told Haryana on October 20, 1987 that it should identify the key channels of Agra Canal in the State, whose conrol would be transferred to Haryana; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) It was decided, during a Secretary level meeting held on 20th October, 1987 at New Delhi between Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Union Territory of Delhi under Chairmanship of Secretary (Water Resources), that Haryana Government would prepare their latest proposal indicating the details of the system including control structures on the Agra Canal system serving their areas which Haryana desires to be transferred from Uttar Pradesh to Haryana and send the same to Uttar Pradesh Government for any comments/reaction for communicating to the Government of Haryana for further discussion on the issue.

The issue was discussed between Chief Ministers of Haryana and Uttar Pradesh on 26th May, 1989 bilaterally and subsequently at official level meetings between the two States a number of times but Uttar Prades has not agreed to the proposal of Haryana for transfer of the said portion of Agra Canal to Haryana.

Anti Urdu Drive

2932. SHRI G.M. BANATWALLA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether an examination paper of the BHU this year required the students to write a letter to the U.P. Chief Minister to the effect that the teaching of and education in Urdu is useless;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken up this anti Urdu matter with the said University;

(c) if so, the reaction of the University thereto and whether the University proposed to take any action in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) On the advice of Government the University has issued orders that necessary instructions must be given to all the moderators and paper setters that no question paper shall contain question/passage which may even unintentionally offend the feelings of any sect, caste, creed, culture, language, religion or people of any particular section of the society.